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SUBJ: EMPEROR'S VISIT ADVANCE PARTY

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SUMMARY: TWELVE MEMBER ADVANCE PARTY FOR FALL VISIT OF JAPANESE EMPEROR TO UNITED STATES IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT US FROM JUNE 7-29. THIS CABLE PROVIDES AVAILABLE DETAIL ABOUT THOSE INVOLVED. END SUMMARY.

1. ACCORDING TO PRESS, CABINET JUNE 3 DECIDED TO SEND 12 MEMBER ADVANCE PARTY TO UNITED STATES TO PREPARE FOR EMPEROR'S FALL VISIT. ADVANCE PARTY WILL BE LED BY GRAND MASTER OF CEREMONIES MORIO YUKAWA AND WILL INCLUDE THREE OTHERS FROM THE IMPERIAL HOUSEHOLD AGENCY (IHA), SIX FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND TWO FROM THE POLICE AGENCY.

2. FORMERLY AMBASSADOR TO PHILIPPINES, BELGIUM AND UNITED KINGDOM, YUKAWA HEADS BOARD OF CEREMONIES CHARGED WITH MATTERS CONCERNING CEREMONIES, PROTOCOL AND TRANSLATION INVOLVING IMPERIAL FAMILY. GRAND MASTER OF CEREMONIES POSITION IS OFTEN HELD BY FOREIGN OFFICE CAREER MAN WHO HAS SERVED AS AMBASSADOR TO UK. BIO DETAILS OF YUKAWA ARE AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON. HE STILL STRIKES US AS TACTFUL, UNASSUMING MAN WITH HEAD SCREWED ON CORRECTLY. CONFIDENTIAL

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3. ALSO FROM IMPERIAL HOUSEHOLD AGENCY WILL BE VICE GRAND CHAMBERLAIN YOSHIHIRO TOKUGAWA AND IWAO YAMAMOTO (FOURTH RANKING FROM IHA) FROM BOARD OF CHAMBERLAINS. THIS GROUP CHARGED WITH MATTERS CONCERNING MEMBERS OF IMPERIAL FAMILY IN "INNER

COURT", PRESUMABLY IN A PERSONAL AND SOCIAL SENSE. FINALLY FROM IHA WILL BE GENERAL AFFAIR SECTION CHIEF HISASHI KOSAKA OF GRAND STEWARD'S (DIRECTOR GENERAL'S) SECRETARIAT. KOSAKA IS THIRD RANKING IHA MAN; SECRETARIAT IS CHARGED WITH MATTERS CONCERNING OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS, IMPERIAL VISITS, GRANTING AND ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS, AND MISCELLANEOUS FUNCTIONS NOT RESPONSIBILITY OF OTHERS.

4. GRAND STEWARD'S SECRETARIAT, BOARD OF CHAMBERLANDS AND BOARD OF CEREMONIES ARE THREE OF SEVEN APPROXIMATELY EQUAL BUREAUCRATIC ENTITIES UNDER IHA GRAND STEWARD (DIRECTOR GENERAL)

TAKESHI USAMI, HIS DEPUTY, VICE GRAND STEWARD NOBUYOSHI URYU, AND GRAND STEWARD'S PRIVATE SECRETARY, YOSHINORI KOJIMA.

5. SIX REPRESENTATIVES FROM FOREIGN OFFICE WILL BE HEADED BY PROTOCOL DIRECTOR (AND AMBASSADOR) HIROSHI UCHIDA AND INCLUDE FIRST (US AND CANADA) NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION DIRECTOR HIROAKI FUJII AND FOUR OTHERS. UCHIDA, WE HAVE JUST LEARNED, WILL NOT REMAIN BEHIND FOH SATO'S FUNERAL BUT WILL TRAVEL AS PLANNED JUNE 7. FUJII IS, OF COURSE, WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN TO MANY OF US. A FORMER OHIRA PRIVATE SECRETARY, HE CAN BE RELIED UPON FOR GOOD INSIGHTS AND ADVICE.

6. OF TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM POLICE AGENCY, RANKING MAN IS IMPERIAL PALACE POLICE GUARD DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR GENERAL KATSUTA. PRESUMABLY THESE MEN WILL BE CHARGED EXCLUSIVELY WITH PHYSICAL SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS.

7. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THREE REPRESENTATIVES FROM JAL WILL BE IN PARTY. HODGSON

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